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SYMBOL CREATION

American Born Chinese

Directions: In class, we have discussed the usage, associations, and effects of using various labels. Moreover, we have discussed how the story symbols from *American Born Chinese* connect to the labels used in the book, the characters and their lives, and the text's overarching themes. You are now going to create your own story symbol. First, consider what label(s) has been placed onto you. Then, consider how this label affects your attitude, your feelings, other's perceptions of you, etc. Then, imagine if your label was used in a graphic novel similar to this one: a graphic novel that incorporates stereotypes in order to fight against them. What would your story symbol be? How would it connect to your label and your story? Use the back of this sheet to brainstorm your ideas. Then, complete your symbol in the space below.

